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Judges to participate in Read to Me Day For immediate release Monday, November 9, 2009

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – West Virginia judges are participating in Read to Me Day on Thursday, November 19, part of the West Virginia Library Commission's celebration of West Virginia Children's Book Week.

Two circuit judges and a family court judge will read to students at Crab Orchard Elementary School, 1404, Robert C. Byrd Drive, Crab Orchard, Raleigh County, (304) 256-4577.

Raleigh County Circuit Judge H.L. Kirkpatrick III will read to kindergarten students at 9:30 a.m. and Raleigh County Circuit Judge John A. Hutchison will read to kindergarten students at 1 p.m., while Family Court Judge Louise G. Staton will read to third-grade students at 11:30 a.m. Judge Staton's Thirteenth Family Court Circuit includes Raleigh and Wyoming Counties.

A family court judge will read to students at noon at Ceres Elementary School, RR 2, Box 189, Bluefield, (304) 325-6758.

Family Court Judge Mary Ellen Griffith serves in the Twelfth Family Court Circuit, which includes McDowell and Mercer Counties.

The judges' appearances are also part of the West Virginia Supreme Court's *Robes to Schools* program. Justice Robin Jean Davis launched the program in January 2007 to encourage active and retired justices, circuit judges, family court judges and magistrates to read to school children and talk to them about the West Virginia judicial system. Information about the *Robes to Schools* program can be found on the Supreme Court's Web site at <http://www.state.wv.us/wvsca/kidspage/RobesCover.htm>

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